

Teen Dating Violence & Economic Abuse



a project by teens for teens and
the adults who support them

How does economic abuse impact students?

Economic abuse occurs when one dating partner interferes with their partner's ability to acquire, use, and maintain economic resources. This includes disrupting, interfering with, or causing problems for them at school and in their academic interests.

Students experiencing economic abuse may exhibit signs that educators may observe in the classroom, such as:

- A notable decline in grades or academic effort
- Skipping class or missing school
- Becoming more isolated
- Losing interest in once loved subjects or quitting extracurricular activities
- Centering their school lives around their partner

How can schools prevent economic abuse?

Education for school staff, expanding content within prevention programming, and screening teens experiencing problems at school can help staff better recognize and respond to economic abuse. Get started with these steps:

1. Include healthy relationship and dating violence prevention programming within health classes and programs. Content should include examples of control and coercion around school and work and how to navigate relationship conflict.
2. Train school staff about what economic abuse looks like for teens and how it can impact academic success, attendance, and career choices, and how to provide trauma-informed support to students experiencing abuse.
3. Screen for signs of dating violence and educational interference and control when exploring declines in academic performance, changes in behavior, or investigating attendance issues and truancy.
4. Develop a relationship with local organizations that support survivors of violence to host workshops focused on dating violence prevention during school hours.

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